

# Arkansas

## Broiler Hatchery

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### Arkansas Chick Placements Up 3 Percent from Last Year

Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas were 23.8 million during the week ending February 23, 2008. Placements were up 3 percent from the comparable week in 2007, and from the previous week. The placements included 2.4 million chicks shipped in from other states.

The broiler-type chicks hatched for the week were 23.3 million, up 2 percent from the corresponding week a year earlier, and up 1 percent from the previous week. Of the total hatch, 1.5 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 82 percent.

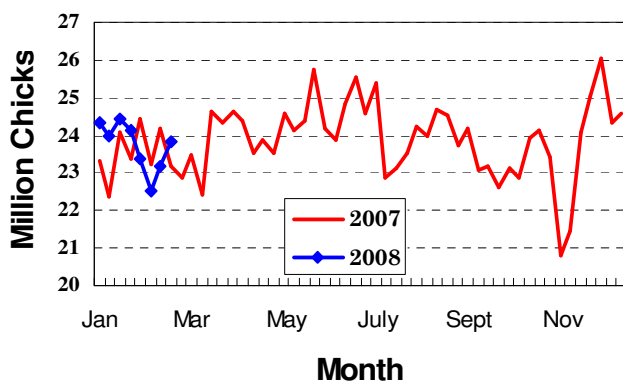
Arkansas hatcheries set 28.6 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending February 23, 2008, up 3 percent from the same period last year, and up 2 percent from the previous week.

Week Ending <sup>1</sup>	Chicks Placed			Chicks Hatched			Eggs Set		
	2007	2008	% of Prev. Year	2007	2008	% of Prev. Year	2007	2008	% of Prev. Year
	<i>Thousand</i>			<i>Thousand</i>			<i>Thousand</i>		
<b>Jan. 19</b>	24,096	24,422	101	23,128	23,804	103	27,627	28,286	102
<b>Jan. 26</b>	23,381	24,147	103	22,888	23,685	103	27,758	28,269	102
<b>Feb. 2</b>	24,410	23,399	96	23,004	23,382	102	27,525	28,592*	104
<b>Feb. 9</b>	23,244	22,526	97	23,116	23,383	101	27,822	28,518	103
<b>Feb. 16</b>	24,192	23,171	96	23,086	23,081	100	27,995	28,156	101
<b>Feb. 23</b>	23,169	23,830	103	22,816	23,294	102	27,872	28,592	103

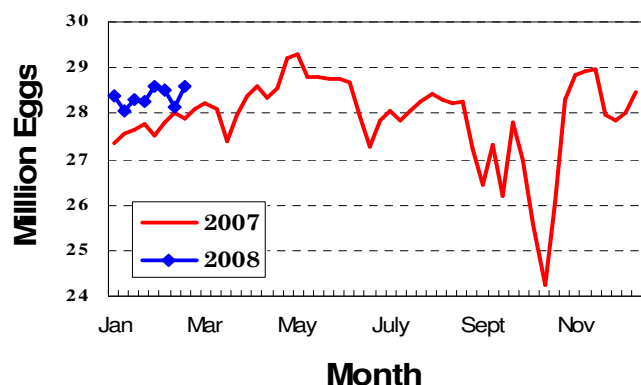
<sup>1</sup> For previous year, it is the comparable week.

\* Revised in current week

### Chicks Placed In Arkansas, 2007-2008



### Eggs Set In Arkansas, 2007-2008



### Broiler Eggs Set and Chicks Placed in 19 Major States by Week, January 26, 2008 - February 23, 2008

State	Eggs Set						Chicks Placed					
	Week Ending						Week Ending					
	26-Jan	2-Feb	9-Feb	16-Feb	23-Feb	% 1/	26-Jan	2-Feb	9-Feb	16-Feb	23-Feb	% 1/
	<i>Thousand</i>						<i>Thousand</i>					
Alabama	31,655	31,432 *	31,908	31,899	31,920	103	20,862	21,220	21,019	20,896 *	20,664	101
<b>Arkansas</b>	<b>28,269</b>	<b>28,592 *</b>	<b>28,518</b>	<b>28,156</b>	<b>28,592</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>24,147</b>	<b>23,399</b>	<b>22,526</b>	<b>23,171</b>	<b>23,830</b>	<b>103</b>
Delaware	4,162	4,095	3,868	3,999	3,998	100	5,651	4,889	4,917	4,397	4,104	98
Florida	1,368	1,379 *	1,369	1,369	1,369	100	1,332	1,384	1,417	1,382	1,317	83
Georgia	35,523	35,895	35,460	35,318	35,186	99	29,686 *	27,937 *	28,747	28,950 *	29,129	101
Kentucky	7,895 *	7,813 *	7,861	7,393	7,922	107	5,959	6,069 *	5,881 *	6,632 *	6,511	108
Louisiana	3,893	3,863	3,984	3,924	3,924	103	3,627	3,913	4,033	3,606	3,835	107
Maryland	9,005	9,025	9,104	9,067	8,975	103	5,725	5,978	6,197	7,291 *	7,234	125
Mississippi	18,717	18,826	18,661	18,510	18,755	98	16,482	16,803	17,234	17,136	17,348	102
N. Carolina	19,664	19,668 *	19,506	19,870	19,775	104	15,687	16,384	16,153	16,257 *	16,404	106
Oklahoma	6,490	6,661	6,305	6,487	6,516	100	4,598	4,752	5,171	5,688	5,374	102
Pennsylvania	4,223	4,261	4,295 *	4,363 *	4,302	111	3,183	3,256	3,289 *	3,244 *	3,317	117
S. Carolina	5,435	5,440	5,714	5,693	5,518	101	4,860	4,972	4,789	4,243 *	4,306	100
Texas	15,656	15,671 *	15,543	15,710	15,864	108	12,812	12,513	12,929	12,890	12,827	107
Virginia	6,322 *	6,326	6,341	6,428	6,443	104	5,149 *	5,108	5,010	4,880 *	4,860	97
CA,MO,TN&WV	19,403 *	19,920	19,548	19,812 *	20,266	100	17,846	17,477	17,164	16,838 *	17,405	101
19 State Total	217,680 *	218,867 *	217,985 *	217,998 *	219,325		177,606 *	176,054 *	176,476 *	177,501 *	178,465	
Prev. Year Total	210,236	211,617	212,295	214,750	214,659		171,642	171,953	170,798	171,611	172,634	
% of Prev. Year	104	103	103	102	102		103	102	103	103	103	
<b>Approximate Marketing Date 2008 2/ .....</b>							<b>15-Mar</b>	<b>22-Mar</b>	<b>29-Mar</b>	<b>5-Apr</b>	<b>12-Apr</b>	

\* Revised in current week.

1/ Current week as percent of the same week last year.

2/ Industry average; seven weeks from placement.

### Broiler-Type Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Up 2 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 219 million eggs in incubators during the week ending February 23, 2008. This was up 2 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

### Broiler Chicks Placed Up 3 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 178 million chicks for meat production during the week ending February 23, 2008. Placements were up 3 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2007 through February 23, 2008 were 1.42 billion, up 3 percent from the same period a year earlier.